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MEMORANDUM NO. 2009-096

TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

DATE: June 19, 2009

SUBJECT: K – 6 Foreign Language Program

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Thank you for the exceptional work this past year in delivering the Foreign Language Pilot Program (K-6 FL Program) to your districts. There are some changes in funding for the upcoming 2009–10 school year.

Governor Freudenthal has taken action to reduce all Wyoming state agency budgets. He has accepted and will implement Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) reductions, which include the K-6 FL Program.

The reductions are effective immediately. As of July 1, 2009, the funding for the K- 6 FL Program will be reduced by \$500,000.00 for the 2009-10 school year budget.

The amount of expenditures for this years' program will be substantially less than the allotted amount of last year's budget. We encourage you to resubmit your applications for renewal, or notify the WDE if you are opting out of the program by June 25, 2009. WDE will notify each district of the award amount after all applications have been submitted.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. For an interim period of time please direct all questions about the K – 6 FL Program to Tom Collins, (307)777-3493 or email at tcolli@educ.state.wy.us.

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